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REMARKS

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1. On 4 June 1954, the Forst Tauer summer camp in the south section of the Lieberose troop training grounds was occupied by about 8,000 troops. Additional officers' families arrived in the camp and were quartered in tents, while fourteen one-story temporary buildings were being erected for them. Vehicles and weapons observed at parking lots in the camp area included:
 Parking lot No 1: 8 T-34/85 tanks, 4 BA-64 armored scout cars, 6 AT guns, 50 side-car motorcycles, 20 trucks. [redacted]
 [redacted] The commanding officer of Parking Lot No 1 is Lieutenant Colonel Grabinski. 25X1
 Parking lot No 2: about 50 trucks, including 8 trucks carrying engineer equipment and 1 truck carrying a motorboat. [redacted] 25X1
 Parking lot No 3: about 40 trucks, 6 M-13 rocket launchers and an undetermined number of guns. 25X1
 Parking lot No 4: 12 x 37-mm AA guns and about 30 trucks.
 Parking lot No 5: about 30 tanks [redacted] 25X1
 Infantry training and training with gas masks were observed in the vicinity of the camp. Individual trucks towing 57-mm AT guns left the camp in the morning and returned at about 1400. Theoretical instruction was held in the afternoons. Seven tent camps, each of 70 to 80 x 13-man tents, were observed. Motor vehicles [redacted] were seen en route to the camp. 25X1
2. On 21 May, the Hermann Loens Kaserne (3083), Cottbus, was occupied by about 100 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. Tanks were no longer observed. The AAA emplacement was no longer occupied. About 100 troops engaged in the construction of two firing ranges. 25X1
3. On 4 May, about 16 AT guns and trucks [redacted] left 25X1
 Sachsendorf Kaserne. On 21 May, the installation was occupied by about 200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Only guard duty was observed.

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4. On 21 May, the Disenchen Kaserne (3081) was occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia and, thus, had the highest strength figure of all military installations at the post. About 100 soldiers received training in firing in the nearby training area. About 400 soldiers were lined up for a roll call in the barracks yard.
5. On 21 May, the Alvensleben Kaserne (3084) was occupied by not more than 60 troops of a rear detail.
6. On 21 May, the barracks installation north of Drachhausen, northwest of Peitz, was occupied by 2,200 to 2,300 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Exercises involving 12 T-34 tanks were observed in the training area. About 60 T-34 tanks and 12 JS tanks were stationed in the installation.

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9. On 27 May, the Jaeger Kaserne (3341) and the hospital (3343) in Luebben were occupied by only guard details.

10. The occupation strength of Neue Kaserne, south of Stammlager Zossen, Wueredorf increased. An estimated 1,500 troops were stationed there between 25 May and 2 June. Most of the troops wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery and tank insignia. The 18 JS-3 tanks were still stationed there. Three to 4 tanks repeatedly engaged in training in the area east of the installation. Four mortars on a chassis with pneumatic tires were also observed in this area. Up to 300 soldiers received infantry training and training in the construction of field fortifications and foxholes. A building near the tank sheds was being surrounded by a high mound. It presumably served as storage room for fuel or tank ammunition. The fuel dump in the northeast corner of the installation, southeast of the athletic field, contained 200 to 250 x 200-liter fuel drums. About 12 tank trucks with trailers were observed at the fuel dump. The motor vehicle sheds were occupied by about 50 trucks including repair shop trucks and other vehicles. On 31 May, motor vehicles were seen in front of the motor vehicle sheds.

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Comment. The information confirms in Camp Forst Tauer and the barracks installation north of Drachhausen, Peitz training area, the bulk of the 9th Mech Div until 4 June. The 71st Mech Regt, however, appears to have remained in the Disenchen Kaserne in Cottbus. The information fails to confirm the 70th Mech Regt which is carried in the Neue Kaserne in Wueredorf.

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Parking lot No 1 is believed to be occupied by the 100th Mtrcl Bn.

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Lieutenant Colonel Grabinski is reported for the first time. The other parking lots are believed occupied as follows:

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Parking lot No 2 by the 82d Engr Bn. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the battalion is permanently stationed in Sachsendorf Kaserne.

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Parking lot No 3 by the 441st Gds RL Bn from Alvonsleben Kaserne.

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Parking lot No 4 by the 1719th AAA Regt, which, presumably, is permanently stationed in Sachsendorf Kaserne. See paragraph 5.

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Parking lot No 5 [REDACTED] by the 91st Tank Regt from Luebber.

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[REDACTED] . The installation is permanently occupied
by the 80th Gds Hv Tank SF Regt.

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